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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 4 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to very good. Supplies were usually adequate to closely balanced and continued to be held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 4 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to usually good with features for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday providing good customer interest. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to at times close for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	50-52	LARGE	35-43	38	
LARGE	46-54	48-51	MEDIUM	16-21	19	
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39	SMALL	4-6		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal. Spent hens were usually adequate for schedules that were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-67	54-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good in areas with Thanksgiving features planned for next week. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on lighter weights. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to good, best where features were in place. Supplies ranged sufficient to closely balanced for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were generally sufficient for normal to at times heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.25-61	55-58
LARGE	45.25-59	53-56
MEDIUM	30.25-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were 4 cents higher on extra large and large. Mediums ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady on mediums, firm on larger sizes. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Supplies of heavier weights were in close balance, however mediums were adequate to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, with scattered features aiding movement. Supplies were adequate to balanced and held with confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-60	54-56
LARGE	51-59	52-55
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

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WESTERN EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 8-9 cents higher on jumbo, 9-10 cents higher on extra large and large. Medium were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 8 cents higher on jumbo, 9 cents higher on extra large and large. Medium and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings in close balance with trucking availability a problem in several quarters. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- large 30 pack 199.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	77-85
EXTRA LARGE	75-81
LARGE	73-76
MEDIUM	62-65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	149-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices remained unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady with both buyers and sellers continuing to monitor further market developments. Offerings were usually limited to regular commitments. Floorstocks were sufficient for mostly normal breaking schedules. Demand was light to moderate. Cases broken in the Eastern region for the week ending 06-Nov-2004 were 3 percent less than the previous week, although 5 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 06-NOV-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,289,205	31,473	12,429	6,712	2,448	4,556
PW	1,320,598	31,525	13,003	7,118	2,601	4,628
LY	1,184,793	30,515	10,000	5,465	1,590	4,226
% CHG PW	-2	0	-4	-6	-6	-2
% CHG LY	9	3	24	23	54	8
2004	54,637,968	1,296,181	526,797	284,604	119,577	187,556
2003	51,530,682	1,262,679	466,681	253,881	102,474	184,344
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2
	CURRENT			PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK			WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.79			42.61	42.38	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.26			39.11	38.81	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 45 cents fob with no pasteurized whites noted. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products with whole eggs in the strongest position. Offerings were adequate for all products. Demand was fairly good to good for whites and yolk with whole egg demand noted as somewhat improved from earlier in the week. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	16	28-32	29.53	1.34
WHITES	16	29.5-31	30.44	.01
YOLKS	15	47-51	47.67	.22

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and sugared yolks, but unchanged on balance of products when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled on whole and steady on balance of items. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Demand ranged light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 06-Nov-2004 was 5% less than last week, but 6% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)		LTL TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	37-44	38-41	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-80
WHITES	41-45	42-45	48-53
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	56-58	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	54-56	58-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen prices ranged unchanged with the exception of sugared yolk which ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were in close balance to adequate with demand fair for salted yolk and good to very good on the balance of products. Last minute orders were quickly clearing frozen white and whole egg inventories. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	38-42	38-39	
WHITES	43-45	45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	59	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-57	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/6 was 21 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks easily adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE		
WHOLE	44-47		
WHITES	49-52		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66		
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64		

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on all items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were available. Trade sentiment was about steady on whole, unsettled on albumen, and steady at current levels on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Nov-2004 were 6% less than the previous week, but 54% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% more than a year ago. The monthly dried egg inventory as October 31, 2004 was 7% less than last month, but 26% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.			
WHOLE	1.48-1.70	MOSTLY	1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.35-1.45	MOSTLY	1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.73-3.35	MOSTLY	2.95-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV. 05, 2004-NOV. 11, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 52.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 87.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 140.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.50	42.19	34.63	37.50	55.00	—	38.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	55.00	56.00	44.00	56.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	45.00	47.75	51.12	47.75	—	22.00
GL W LG	—	53.44	47.00	49.67	47.43	48.60	61.50
GL W MD	34.00	32.00	25.50	28.67	27.08	30.00	26.25
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	25.00	18.75	20.75	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	30.00	30.00	10.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	20.00	22.00	4.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	41.50	—	—	—	53.50	14.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	45.50	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	45.50	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	59.27	2.75
GL W XL	40.00	51.50	—	—	—	52.25	9.00
GL W LG	—	55.18	—	56.40	—	57.75	39.25
GL W MD	30.60	40.00	—	38.50	—	39.49	17.75
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	30.00	31.00	.50
NRBS - 39	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	1.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fair to good, mostly fair to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-8 6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.50	55.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	51.00	49.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	57.50	56.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	55.44	53.98	40.17

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 06-NOV-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,499	1,391	2,890
Last Week	1,433	1,519	2,952
Same week yr ago	1,258	1,473	2,731
To-date/2004	60,273	59,935	120,208
To-date/2003	63,789	61,966	125,755

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	186	0	186
Last Week	371	7	378
Same week yr ago	171	0	171
To-date/2004	10,659	126	10,785
To-date/2003	10,055	137	10,192

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,685	1,391	3,076
Last Week	1,804	1,526	3,330
Same week yr ago	1,429	1,473	2,902
To-date/2004	70,932	60,061	130,993
To-date/2003	73,844	62,103	135,947

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 30, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	587	408	14,769	14,400
Frozen	25	0	36	96
Dried	6	0	604	471
Total	618	408	15,409	14,967

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending October 30, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	87	59	7,137	4,783
Frozen	3	82	1,463	3,064
Dried	40	0	1,893	1,063
Total	130	141	10,493	8,910

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 30, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	0	392	404
Extra Large	1,510	1,050	158,844	27,052
Large	4,262	5,110	322,880	109,806
Medium	3,664	1,610	108,498	52,142
Ungraded	13,270	7,200	288,406	165,578
Misc	0	0	16,790	14,222
Total	22,706	14,970	895,810	369,204

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) **Processed other**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	11/08/04	4,104	130,528	63,993
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG		-69	-8425	-1311
PCT CHG		-2%	-6%	-2%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 06-Nov-2004

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	28.8	31.0	-7	-4
Boston	3.2	3.1	3	-16
Chicago	61.7	60.1	3	21
Detroit	37.4	25.5	47	26
Kansas City	8.4	3.7	127	33
Los Angeles	95.6	95.4	0	4
New Orleans	9.0	7.5	20	2
New York	32.3	30.9	5	14
St. Louis	19.1	19.3	-1	-11
San Francisco	21.3	19.7	8	12
Total	316.8	296.2	7	9
4 Week Moving Avg.	298.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 06-Nov-04	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	253.6	4	13
East North Central	585.5	1	4
West North Central	300.9	4	-2
South Atlantic	222.9	1	-1
South Central	73.1	16	5
West	190.3	2	3
Total	1626.3	3	3

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	98	96	66	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	90-94	88-92	58-62	38-42
MOSTLY	92-93	90-91	60-61	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	97-101	95-99	65-69	44-48
MOSTLY	97	95	65	44
VERMONT	98-101	96-99	67-69	-
MOSTLY	101	99	69	-

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,368,214	-2	155
FREE FLOWING	5,053,052	-16	93
BLEND	1,330,898	-4	6
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,238,205	6	23
BLEND	74,200	18	-21
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,085,357	-15	-15
BLEND	10,887	-16	-87
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,212,007	-12	-13
TOTAL	20,372,820	-7	26

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

OCTOBER 3, 2004 - OCTOBER 30, 2004

TOTAL 9,820,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
